



**Geneva Township
Senior Center**

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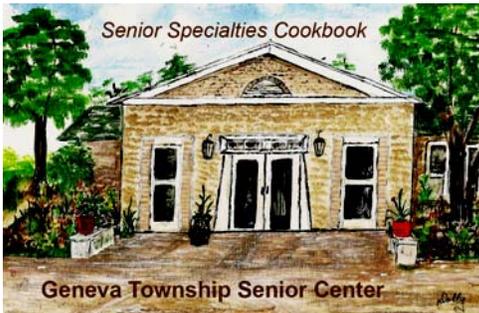
**Merry Christmas to Everyone
And He is Watching!!**

Important December Dates

Plaid Tidings Play...12-09-09

FREE lunch.....12-14-09

Holiday Concert.....12-16-09



The Senior Center Cookbook cover was painted by member artist **Dolly Hiller**. Books will be available to benefit the Center in time for Christmas.

December

2009



Senior Center Newsletter

The **Supervisor** and the **Board of Trustees** of Geneva Township and the **Senior Center Director** wish you all a happy Holiday season and a new Year filled with many blessings. The Senior Center will be open on Christmas Day from 1:00 - 3:00. As always refreshments will be available.

Holiday Theater and Luncheon at Pheasant Run

For our Holiday outing we have planned a trip to Pheasant Run Theater to enjoy a luncheon and the play, **Plaid Tidings** on Wednesday, December 9. **Plaid Tidings** is a musical with the Forever Plaid four part harmony group singing songs of the 30's, 40's and 50' while paying tribute to the Ed Sullivan Christmas Spectaculars of years past. Forty seats are reserved and when you register, please bring a check to secure your reservation. We have the bus to take the first 24 persons, or you may drive the short distance to the theater in St. Charles. A luncheon will be served before the play. When you register, please select one of three entrées, choosing between breaded pork tenderloin OR herb crusted roast beef, both served with potatoes and vegetables, OR grilled vegetables primavera. The cost for the luncheon AND the play is \$40.00 per person. We will meet at the Senior Center at 11:30 and should return about 4:30. This special Holiday outing will be popular, please make your reservation as soon as possible.

Monthly FREE Meal

The monthly free lunch program is suffering from its own popularity. Last month roughly 34% of the people who called to reserve a seat for lunch were unable to participate due to space limitations. We would like everyone to be able to enjoy the delicious food and raucous camaraderie every month. Therefore, this month we will be offering the usual lunch at 11:30, but will also offer an early dinner at 4:30. Each seating will be limited to 90. All Geneva residents age 55+ and all members of the Senior Center may call for a reservation for this month's Holiday meals. The **Little Owl Restaurant** will be our caterer, serving London broil, red potatoes and mixed vegetables. We are grateful that so many enjoy our activities and want to give equal opportunity to all interested.

To Reach Director Gayle Kennedy call 1-630-232-3602

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneva Township Senior Center shall be to act as the primary community resource to serve all citizens of Geneva Township by enriching the social and intellectual life of our older adults; helping our older adults contribute to the well being of our community as effective and useful citizens of the township; helping those approaching or in retirement to plan appropriately; organizing community interest in improving the overall climate of living for our older residents; decreasing the sense of isolation and dependence that often accompanies old age; and, helping our older adults meet practical problems attendant with aging.

Bowling

Friday bowling will take place on December 18. Bowlers will meet at 12:45 at the **Bowling Green Sports Center** on Route 38 (Roosevelt Rd) in West Chicago. The camaraderie and the \$1.05 cost per lane can't be beat. Shoe rental is an extra \$1.00.

Old Fashioned Cookie Exchange

Mark your calendars for Monday, December 7 at 1:00 for our 2nd annual cookie exchange. Please bring 6 dozen *homemade* cookies, of the same recipe. In turn, you will take home 6 dozen homemade cookies, of hopefully 12 different varieties of make a delicious holiday cookie assortment. Please sign up and tell Gayle what type of cookie you'll bring to avoid duplication. You must make cookies. Please bring your recipe so it can be copied.

December Book Club

December's selection is **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**, by **Mary Ann Shaffer** and **Annie Barrows**. This selection is available in paperback. The discussion will be held on Monday, December 28 at 10:30. Happy reading!

Senior Specialties Cookbook



Are you looking for the perfect, unique gift for a neighbor, teacher, relative or friend? A hard working group of volunteers from the Center has compiled

The Senior Specialties Cookbook which may be purchased for \$8.00. Members of the Center submitted family favorite recipes that are tried and true and sure to become your favorites as well.

Ornaments With Ina



Chick Chat meets on the first and third Friday of the month. The activity for December Chick Chat is making ornaments with **Ina Wentzel**.

These beautiful yet simple ornaments are crafted from ribbon and colored balls. They are on display at the Center the cost is \$2.00 to cover supplies for each ornament.. Please sign up ahead to ensure that we have plenty of supplies.

Christmas Tree Pillow Craft



A plain pillow will be decorated with fabric paint and embellished with jewels and trinkets to make a unique holiday pillow. Due to demand, there are two dates scheduled for this craft. Choose Wednesday, December 2 at 11:00 or

Thursday, December 10 at 11:00. Your cost will be \$10.00 to cover the pillow and supplies. An example of a pillow is on display at the Center. Please register for this class. Wear old clothes as the paint used will adhere to any fabric.

HaHaHappy HoHoHoliday Laughter

Back by popular demand! Join **Terri Reasoner** in "Laughing through the Holidays" at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday in December. The excitement, activities and demands of the holiday can create a higher levels of tension and stress. Stay calm, reduce conflict and manage the stress of the season through laughter. Come to one or all of the sessions throughout December to unwind. Sessions begin on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:00; let us know you are attending.

Two Holiday Music Concerts

Come join us! The Center will be filled with holiday music on Wednesday, December 16. **George Holmes** will perform two concerts for us, the first at noon, the second at 2:30. Please call to reserve for either show. Many of our members remember George from the Twilight Dinner last August where he wowed the audience. Join us first for cookies punch and other refreshments, then listen to and sing-a-long with George. This promises to be a very special afternoon.



What Do You Like About The Center?

“Since I’m single, it’s a way to get out of the house and develop new relationships” - Don Murray

Knitting and Crocheting

Our lively woman’s knit and crochet group continues to grow! Meeting at 1:00 on the first Tuesday of the month, about ten women meet to share patterns, tips and conversation. Whether you are advanced or needing encouragement and guidance, you are welcome to join this group.

Investment Club

The Investment Club continues to meet on the second Monday of the month. This month, they will meet on December 14, at 10:30. The members investment knowledge is growing. If you are curious to see if this is something you’d like, you are welcome to attend as a spectator. The Investment Club is a private group not sponsored by Geneva Township.

Mah Jongg Party



On Thursday, December 10 at 12:30 our dedicated Mah Jongg players are having their own holiday party! Bring a snack to share. A group photograph will be taken of all the players. Mark your calendar for this event. There will be plenty of time play Mah Jongg too.

Organizing Your Home For the Holidays and Beyond

Looking for tips to organize and control clutter in your home? **Karen Kaplan** is an organizational expert from **At Your Fingertips Organizing** and will present organizing and clutter control tips for closets, kitchens, paperwork, calendars, and holiday decorations. Karen’s seminar will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00. Call Gayle to make a reservation.



Senior Vitality Stretches Out

Thursday at 10:30 Senior Vitality classes are held at the Senior Center to encourage stretching, balance and flexibility. These classes are led by Deb and keep growing in attendance. All abilities are welcome to join in this 45-minute class promoting better health.

Holiday Games with Candy

Join Candy and Gayle on Tuesday, December 22 at 1:00 for an afternoon of Holiday Fun! We will have games to play - Rummikub, Sequence, Scattergories, prizes and some surprises! Refreshments will be served. Wear something red or green and join us for some fun and laughter right before Christmas..

Monday Night Update

Our Monday nights of watching **Dancing with the Stars** was great fun, unfortunately Season 9 is over. Members enjoyed watching DWTS together, playing pool, a pizza party and socializing. The month of December we return to our usual daytime hours at the Senior Center, Monday through Friday we are open 8:30 – 4:30.

Bridge with Lois

Lois Hoyer continues to provide bridge seminars at 12:30 on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Combining bridge techniques with play to reinforce concepts, this is a popular program. Lois will continue to lead this program as long as people attend.

Holiday Christmas Concert

A saxophone quartet from Geneva High School will be playing holiday music at the Senior Center on Friday, December 18 at 1:00. Join us for holiday music, refreshments and enjoy the talented young musicians.

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SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$3.75 PER SALAD BAR, BREAD & MILK SERVED EACH DAY

NEED TO MAKE RESEVATIONS TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE

December 2009

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Corn Chowder <u>Sandwich on Sliced Bun:</u> Sloppy Joes OR Honey Turkey & Muenster Cheese <u>OR Salad:</u> Asian Chicken</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Ham & Black Bean Soup Mixed Veggies Multi Grain Bread Soup</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Turkey Vegetable <u>Sandwich on Sliced Bun:</u> BBQ Riblet OR Southwestern Ham Wrap <u>OR Salad:</u> Chicken Caesar</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Beef Barley <u>Sandwich on Submarine Roll:</u> Hot Meatloaf OR Submarine Sandwich <u>OR Salad:</u> Chicken, Bean Wheat Pasta</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry Wheat Bread Soup</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Split Pea & Ham Soup <u>Sandwich on Sour Dough:</u> Hot Turkey Florentine OR Tuna Salad Sandwich <u>OR Salad:</u> BLT Chicken Salad</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Vegetarian Chili <u>Sandwich on Rye Bread:</u> Italian Beef & Swiss OR Crab Salad Sandwich <u>OR Salad:</u> Chef (ham, turkey, cheese)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Macaroni Ham & Cheese Whole Wheat Bread Soup</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Soup DU Jour <u>Sandwich on Bun :</u> Sloppy Joe OR Shaved Ham & Provolone <u>OR Salad:</u> Grilled Chicken & Fresh Spinach</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Old Fashion Cabbage <u>Sandwich on Bun:</u> Pulled Pork OR Shaved Ham & Cheddar <u>OR Salad:</u> Tuna (Boiled Egg)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Turkey & Savory Gravy Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Soup</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Navy Bean & Ham Soup <u>Sandwich on Wheat Bun:</u> Chicago Style Hot Dog OR Turkey Gobbler & Basil Pesto Sauce <u>OR Salad:</u> Chef (ham, turkey, cheese)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Tomato Florentine <u>Sandwich on Sour Dough:</u> Hot Turkey & Swiss Cheese OR Egg Salad Sandwich <u>OR Salad:</u> Chicken Caesar</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Spaghetti & Meatballs Country Wheat Baguette Soup</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>Broccoli Cheddar Soup <u>Sandwich on Multi-Grain Bread :</u> Hot Sliced Chicken Teriyaki OR Corned Beef & Swiss <u>OR Salad:</u> Santa Fe Ham</p>



Happy Holidays Look Forward To Seeing Everyone in 2010

